

New Top Boss at Mayflower

24 July 1969

Hecla Mining Company's Manager, George L. Wilhelm, announced the appointment of Gordon H. (Hank) Walde as Mine Superintendent at the Mayflower Mine.

Mr. Walde, a native of Denver, Colorado School of Mines, comes to the Mayflower with years of experience in the mining industry. Upon graduation from college he was employed at Climax Molybdenum Company as shift boss and engineer. After service in the U.S. Army Mountain and Cold Weather Command, he returned to Climax until 1964 at which time he joined Hecla Mining Company as Mine Foreman at the Radon Mine at Moab, Utah.

The Radon Mine was closed in 1964 when the uranium ores were depleted and Mr. Walde was transferred to the Industrial Engineering Department of Hecla at Wallace, Idaho. His most recent position with Hecla was Project Engineer at the Granite Bi-Metallic Mine at Phillipsburg, Montana.

The family of Mr. Walde, his wife Judith and five boys, David, James, Donald, Lewis and Dean, will move to Utah when housing for them has been found.

The United Park City Mines Company shipped 32 carloads of ore via Park City Depot of the Union Pacific Railroad.

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Copper is 46¢ to 46 1/4¢ per pound, Zinc is still holding to 14 1/2¢ per pound. Lead has kept the high of 15 1/2¢ per pound, Silver is at \$1.65 per ounce and Gold is \$42.15 an ounce.

Ever Wonder What Hecla Means? It's Place To Punish th' Damned

from the Wasatch Wave:

Here is the history of Hecla's company name as written in 1962 by Robert E. Sorenson, then chief geologist of Hecla Mining Company who is now living in retirement in Edmonds, Washington.

"On occasion many employees of Hecla Mining Company have been curious about the derivation of the name "Hecla". The company name is derived from the name of one of the claims of the group. It has been mentioned in several instances that the word "Hecla" has a Scandinavian source. In reviewing the matter in the Seattle Public Library, it was determined that the name is the English spelling of the Icelandic word "H-E-K-L-A" which is the name of a volcano in Iceland located about thirty miles east of Reykjavik . . .

An accessory packet included had powdered cocoa or instant coffee, salt, sugar, cream substitutes, chewing gum, cigarette paper, cigarettes and matches. The Scouts swapped the cigarette cases for chewing gum.

The meal could be eaten hot

In the extreme rear are Stgts. James Beasley and Sgt. Thomas Caldwell observing the Scouts. The individuality of packed meals of ham, beef, chicken or turkey with crackers, jelly or puddings and candy or cookies.

a cowled or hooded frock knitted of diverse colors."

"In the Middle Ages the word Hecla became mythical in several countries of Europe and was regarded as a place of punishment for the damned.

"We may presume, then, that the locators of the old Hecla claim had ties with Iceland or perhaps suffered so much from some of the town of Burke's inclement weather that they tacked on the name after receiving some of the damnation ascribed to the meaning of the word.

"Of course, the name Hecla appears in at least two other major mining companies of the United States - the Calumet and Hecla Mine of Michigan and the old Hecla mine located south of Butte, Montana - and perhaps many mining claims of the U.S. acquired the name - the guerrilla group in Wednes-

Vandals Hit Keetley Mine

26 Apr 1989

Vandals plugged a pump discharge, causing 5,000 gallons of lime slurry to overflow by the time it was discovered Monday morning, and damaged other equipment at the Keetley Mine, north of Heber City, sometime Sunday, reported Wasatch County Sheriff Edd Thacker.

Damage is estimated at \$10,000 or more, according to LaVell Wid-dison, water treatment supervisor at the facility.

He explained that although the mine has been closed for six years,

the EPA requires that the water flowing from it must be monitored and treated before entering the water system. The slurry, which is 46.5 percent lime, is added in order to control the ph balance, he said.

In another building, where timber is treated to preserve it, the vandals roughed up a large tub in which the timbers are soaked in the preserving solution and splattered the chemical around the building.

Deputy Steve Ridge is conducting the investigation.